



# CHRIST THE KING

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Imagine being a people who don't think a presidential election means either the salvation of the universe or the end of the world. Imagine being a people who have a loooooong perspective on such matters, who are tied to an ancient people that have managed to "live peaceful and quiet lives" across the centuries, whether in kingdoms or democracies, under persecuting tyrants and benevolent queens. This news cycle, this election season, this year, this Congress — these are all blips in time for a people who are looking for kingdom come. And so we shouldn't be surprised by anything. We shouldn't feel like our world is collapsing. We should, instead, cultivate a kind of healthy distance — not being aloof or indifferent, but nonetheless exhibiting a kind of "holy ambivalence" that isn't so absorbed by the present moment. We are a stretched people who are older than this campaign and look for a kingdom well beyond it.*

James K. A. Smith

# Lord's Day Worship

## GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP HIM

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Revelation 1:4-6

Mr. Mark Husband

Leader: Grace to you and peace from He Who Is and Who Was and Who Is to Come,

**People: and from the Seven Spirits who are before His throne,**

Leader: and from Jesus Christ the faithful Witness, the Firstborn of the dead, and the Ruler of the kings on earth.

**People: To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.**

\*SONG

BE THOU MY VISION

1

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

2

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one

3

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart  
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art

4

High King of heaven, my victory won  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION (CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Westminster Larger Catechism 83*

Q. What is the communion in glory with Christ which the members of the invisible church enjoy in this life?

**A. The members of the invisible church have communicated to them in this life the first fruits of glory with Christ, as they are members of him their head, and so in him are interested in that glory which he is fully possessed of; and, as an earnest thereof, enjoy the sense of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Spirit, and hope of glory; as, on the contrary, sense of God's revenging wrath, horror of conscience, and a fearful expectation of judgment, are to the wicked the beginning of their torments which they shall endure after death.**

### GOD CLEANSSES US FROM OUR SIN

CONFESSION OF SIN

1 JOHN 1:8,10

**If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*1 John 1:7,9*

But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin... If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Elder Mark Kull 9:30  
Elder Hugh Comer 11:00

We pray for the sick:

- For the Keating family as they care for Karis and for her doctors as they determine best courses of treatment.
- For Eloise Pitts, that she will recover well from eye surgery on Friday. And for Calvin and Katie as they care for her.

We pray for our church:

- That we will love one another well even amidst continuing challenges of the pandemic.
- For our officer nominees as they undergo examinations in the coming weeks.

We pray for the Kingdom:

- That God would make us people who listen well and speak graciously in a polarized time.
- That God will give us his heart for the poor and marginalized.
- We lament ongoing violence, unrest, and injustice in the world, and we pray that the church would be a place of healing and reconciliation.
- We pray for students, teachers, and administrators as the new school year begins, especially as they deal with accommodations required by the pandemic.
- For our sister churches in North Texas Presbytery, that they would proclaim the gospel faithfully.
- For the proclamation of the Gospel around the world.

**GOD FEEDS US FROM HIS WORD**

\*BIBLE READING

Revelation 6:1-17, 8:1-5

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Pastor Todd Gwennap

“Apocalypse Now”  
Revelation

**GOD FEEDS US AT HIS TABLE**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

- *CTK welcomes all baptized believers who are communing members of gospel-believing churches to participate in the Supper.*
- *Ushers will dismiss you by rows to come forward and receive the elements.*
- *The bread and the cup are stacked together in cups. The outer ring of each tray contains gluten-free bread.*

- *If you are not partaking, you may either remain in your seat or come forward and pass by the elements, whichever makes you most comfortable.*
- *If you are unable to come forward, an Elder will serve you the elements at your seat.*
- *Once you have been served, please take the elements back to your seat. We will eat and drink together once everyone has been served.*

\*SONG

GUIDE ME O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

1.

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,  
 Pilgrim through this barren land.  
 I am weak, but Thou art mighty;  
 Hold me with Thy powerful hand.  
 Bread of heaven,  
 Feed me now and evermore;  
 Bread of heaven,  
 Feed me now and evermore.

2.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
 Whence the healing waters flow;  
 Let the fiery cloudy pillar  
 Lead me all my journey through.  
 Strong Deliverer,  
 Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.  
 Strong Deliverer,  
 Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

3.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
 Bid my anxious fears subside;  
 Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
 Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
 Songs of praises,  
 I will ever give to Thee  
 Songs and praises,  
 I will ever give to Thee

Land me safe on Canaan's side  
 Bid my anxious fears  
 Bid my anxious fears  
 Land me safe on Canaan's side

## **GOD SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING**

\*BENEDICTION

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

DOXOLOGY/DISMISSAL

Praise God from Who All Blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*SERMON NOTES*  
“Apocalypse Now”  
Revelation 6:1-17, 8:1-5

1. Revelation is the Book of Revelation, not the Book of Revelations.
2. Revelation is a picture book, not a puzzle book.
3. Revelation is a book to be mastered by, not a book to master.
4. Revelation is Jazz, not Morse Code.
5. Revelation must be interpreted literarily, not literally.
6. Revelation is revelation, not obscuration.
7. Revelation is victory for God’s people, not defeat
8. Scripture interprets Scripture

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Sermon Series on Revelation**

Our sermon series on the book of Revelation continues next Sunday (October 25th). We recognize that you may have many questions about how to read and understand this beautiful, image-rich part of the Bible. Todd and Mark will host a Q&A session about Revelation on **October 25<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm**. See Todd's Friday email for the link. In the meantime, please feel free to email questions to Todd or Mark as they arise!

### **Communicant's Class**

Communicant's Class, a class for children who desire to take communion and become members of the church, is coming in November. More information coming soon.

### **Youth Group Meeting**

Youth Group is meeting **tonight** at the **Hollingsworth's** from 5 to 7pm. Dinner will be served. All 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to join us for some good food, fellowship and fun!

### **Congregational Meeting, Sunday, November 1st**

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 1st for the purpose of electing men to the offices of Elder and Deacon. There will be more information about the candidates and the process in the coming weeks. We are also working on safety protocols for the meeting. Those will be communicated in the coming weeks as well.

### **Officer Candidates Q&A, Sunday, October 18 at 4pm**

Please join us for a ZOOM Q & A with our officer candidates on **TODAY**, October 18. Billy Hollingsworth and Tony Sok will be available to answer your questions as we move closer to voting in November.

You may contribute to CTK using the collection box found on the Welcome Table, by giving online at [www.ctktexas.com](http://www.ctktexas.com), or by mailing your gift to the church address.

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